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) Group Art Unit: 1632

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) Examiner: Qian J. Li

For: **BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL FOR
PREPARING PHARMACEUTICAL
COMPOSITIONS FOR TREATING
MAMMALS**

RESPONSE TO REQUIREMENT FOR RESTRICTION

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In complete response to the [Requirement for Restriction] mailed August 27, 2002, Applicants respectfully elect Group I, *i.e.*, claims 1-10, 18, 21 and 26, with traverse.

Applicants request modification of the Requirement for Restriction so Group I as well as Group II claims can be considered at one time. Both Groups I and II are directed to a biological material. In the case of Group I, the claims are drawn to at least one nucleic acid sequence and in the case of Group II, the claims are drawn to at least one target cell.

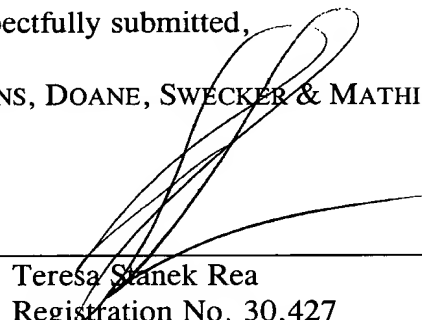
Applicants believe that it would not place an undue burden on the Examiner to examine both groups of claims at this time and Applicants respectfully request a modification of the Requirement for Restriction so both groups of claims can be considered.

Should the Examiner have any questions or helpful suggestions concerning the subject application, she is respectfully requested to contact Applicants' undersigned representative at (703) 838-6638.

Respectfully submitted,

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